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Sir:

- I, Maria Concetta Veri, hereby declare:
- 1. I am a co-inventor of the invention claimed in the above-described patent application, and have personal knowledge of the matters related in this Declaration.
- 2. The hybridoma cell line 1F2, which is described in the above-identified patent application was produced prior to the filing date of the above-identified patent application.
- 3. On May 4, 2004, I deposited the hybridoma cell line 1F2 with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) under the terms of the Budapest Treaty. I have enclosed a copy of the original Deposit Form as evidence of the May 4, 2004 deposit. The deposited hybridoma was found to be viable by the ATCC and was accorded ATCC Accession No. PTA-5959.

- 4. From a time prior to the filing date of the above-identified patent application to May 4, 2004, the hybridoma cell line 1F2 was kept under my personal supervision and control in a liquid nitrogen freezer. To my knowledge no other person accessed this cell line during this period.
- 5. The hybridoma cell line 1F2, which is described in the above-identified patent application is the same cell line that was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on May 4, 2004 and accorded ATCC Accession No. PTA-5959.
- 6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.